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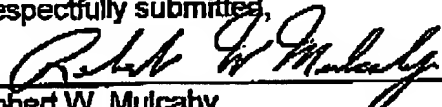
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PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to grant a two-month extension of time to and including January 29, 2004, in which to file the Notice of Appeal. Applicants assert that only a two-month extension of time is required on grounds that the response to Final Office Action was timely filed by the two-month date of September 24, 2003, and the Advisory Action was not mailed until December 8, 2003, resulting in a two-month extension to include January 29, 2004.

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